

Target of Rabi Crop during 1972-73

*807. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the State-wise targets of production of Rabi Crops during 1972-73 and their actual realisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): The target of production are fixed for the year as whole and not separately for Kharif and Rabi.

Firm estimates of production for 1972-73 would become available at the close of agricultural year i.e. some time in July—August 1973.

Scheme to Employ Students

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the scheme as published in the 'Indian Express' dated the 26th March, 1973 under caption 'Ambitious Scheme to employ 1 lakh students', and

(b) if so, the salient features of the said scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a). A development-oriented educational programme called "Youth against Famine" involving one lakh youth, both students and non-students, has been sanctioned by the Government. This is not a scheme to give employment to students.

(b) The salient features are stated below:

The scheme of Youth Against Famine is being organised by the Ministry of Education & Social Welfare in cooperation with the State Governments and voluntary organisations. The implementing agency will be the National Service Units of the universities.

Objectives

The objectives of the scheme are as follows:

—Supplement the academic education of the university students by bringing them face to face with the realities of the rural situation.

—To provide opportunities to youth to participate in nation building activities.

—To provide opportunities to students and teachers to use their skill and learning for the service of the community around.

Work Projects

Work projects that would be taken for completion by the students and teachers should be such that it could be completed within the stipulated time. The nature of the project should be within the competence, capability and resources of the participants. Such projects when completed should become a community assets.

Such Work Projects should be undertaken with an assurance from the Government that it will look after the maintenance of the projects after their completion.

The scheme will involve one lakh youth during the summer of 1973. 75000 of them will be drawn from universities and colleges and the rest from the non-student youth. One thousand camps will be organised and each camp will have a population of 100 youth. The camp will be organised during the period April to July.